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Women's History Month



Clara Shortridge Foltz
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Clara Shortridge Foltz, California's first female lawyer and a suffragist, sued the University of California, Hastings Law College, winning the right for women to be admitted into law school. *Foltz v. Hodge* (1879) 54 Cal. 28.) Foltz's lobbying led to the enactment of the Women's Lawyer Bill under the Statutes of 1878 of the Twenty-Second Session of the Legislature, which amended then section 275 of the Code of Civil Procedure to read: "Any citizen or person resident of this State who has bona fide declared his or her intention to become a citizen in the manner required by law, of the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, and who possesses the necessary qualifications of learning and ability, is entitled to admission as attorney and counselor in all the Courts of this State." Under the language of Article XX, section 18, California became one of the first states to open its doors to women to enter the legal profession. She was also the impetus for Article I, section 8, of the California Constitution, which in its original form, as Article XX, section 18, of the Constitution of 1879, this provision read: "No person shall on account of sex be disqualified from entering upon or pursuing any lawful business, vocation, or profession." Foltz's many other trail-blazing accomplishments included becoming the first woman appointed clerk to the State Judiciary Committee, member of the State Board of Corrections, a licensed Notary Public, director of a major bank, a deputy district attorney of Los Angeles, founder and publisher of the *San Diego Daily Bee* and *New American Woman Magazine*. In 1930, at the age of 81, Foltz was the first woman to run for Governor of California. The Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) is California's civil rights agency, which protects Californians from employment, housing and public accommodation discrimination, and hate violence. The DFEH investigates, conciliates, mediates, and prosecutes violations of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), Unruh Civil Rights Act, and Ralph Civil Rights Act. See www.dfeh.ca.gov.

DFEH Events This Month

- **March 14 - Director Phyllis Cheng speaks about sexual harassment prevention at CBOL Corporation, Chatsworth.**
- **March 18 - Chief of Dispute Resolution Annmarie Billotti and Supervising Attorney | Mediator Jo Anne Frankfurt make a DFEH Webinar presentation on Dispute Resolution Training.**
- **March 20 - Director Phyllis Cheng makes keynote presentation, Women's History Month, Department of Housing & Community Development, Sacramento.**
- **March 26 - Director Phyllis Cheng speaks on a panel presentation on the new Pregnancy and Disability Regulations, Employment Round Table of Southern California, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica.**



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10	11	12	13	14 CBOL Corporation Training	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 DFEH Webinar Dispute Resolution Training	19	20 HCD Women's History Month Event	21	22	23
24	25 Passover (sundown)	26 ERTSC Breakfast Seminar	27	28	29	30
31 Easter						